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CONSTITUTION OF KLUTI-KAAH

NATIVE VILLAGE OF KLUTI-KAAH

PREAMBLE

We a group of Alaskan Aborigines, Native to the State of Alaska, and Native to the village of Kluti-Kaah, do constitute this declaration to assert our sovereign right to self-government, to promote our communities the right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness; to promote our health, education, and welfare.

ARTICLE I. NAME

SECTION I. NAME. The name of this Tribal Council is the traditional NATIVE VILLAGE OF KLUTI-KAAH COUNCIL.

ARTICLE II. TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

SECTION I. TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. The exterior boundaries of the Native Village of Kluti-Kaah are as have and do exist.

ARTICLE III. TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

SECTION I. TRIBAL MEMBERS. People having 1/4 degree Alaskan Native Aboriginal Blood, whose names appear on the Kluti-Kaah Membership Roll.

SECTION II. TRIBAL MEMBERS CHILDREN. All children of Tribal Members with 1/4 degree Alaskan Aboriginal Native Blood are Tribal Members.

SECTION III. QUALIFICATION FOR TRIBAL ENROLLMENT. People of 1/4 degree Alaskan Aboriginal Native Blood, who have physically resided in the Native Village of Kluti-Kaah for a period of thirty (30) days may be eligible for Tribal Membership enrollment with the approval of the Tribal Council.

SECTION IV. LOSS OF TRIBAL STATUS. Any Tribal Member may willingly set aside their Tribal Association. Tribal Association may also be loss for these causes:

1. Through committing a crime against the Tribal Body or a Tribal Member.
2. Through death.

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ARTICLE IV. GOVERNING BODY

SECTION I. GOVERNING BODY. This is the Tribal Members in their entirety. Offices and Council Board Members must reside in the Native Village of Kluti-Kaah for a period of thirty (30) days.

SECTION II. TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES. The Tribal Council is the Legal Representatives fo the Tribal Body. There are seven (7) elected Tribal Representatives and maybe more if deemed necessary by the Tribal Body.

SECTION III. TERMS OF SERVICE. Each Tribal Representative serves a two (2) year staggered term as set at the General Meeting.

ARTICLE V. TRIBAL ELECTIONS

SECTION I. TRIBAL ELECTIONS. Each year, at least once a year, there shall be elections of Tribal Representatives and voting on other matters as may come before the Tribal Body.

SECTION II. VOTING. All Tribal Members, eighteen (18) years of age and on the original Kluti-Kaah Membership Roll, are eligible to participate in voting and elections.

SECTION III. TRIBAL OFFICIALS NOMINATIONS. All Tribal Members eighteen (18) years of age and on the original Kluti-Kaah Membership Roll may be nominated for Tribal Office.

SECTION IV. RECALL. Any Tribal Representative found not performing in their duties, may be recalled by a majority of the Tribal Members, if such should occur, then the majority at hand shall replace through appointment of one of themselves the deseated.

ARTICLE VI. RIGHTS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS

SECTION I. TRIBAL MEMBERS RIGHTS. All rights are reserved to the Tribal Members in their entirety, no right may be taken from the Tribal Members, except that Tribal Members may willingly set aside certain rights.

ARTICLE VII. POWERS

SECTION I. TRIBAL POWERS. These are broad to encompass the needs of the Tribe and are delegated to their legal representatives, the Tribal Council, to protect their right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness; to promote their health, education, welfare, political progress and land; to encourage and foster the arts, crafts, traditions, language and culture of the Tribal Body. Our sovereign rights, do exist, have existed and continue to exist and shall from now forward be placed on paper in the form of Law.

The Native Village of Kluti-Kaah Council shall be able to impose taxes to insure the on going efforts of self-determination, our sovereign rights.

ARTICLE VIII. QUORUM

SECTION I. QUORUM. A quorum is established by majority of voting adults whose name appears on the Kluti-Kaah Membership Roll for purpose of voting, elections and other matters as may need the Tribal Members attention.

SECTION II. TRIBAL COUNCIL QUORUM. Shall consist of a majority of Tribal Representatives.

SECTION III. QUORUM AND BUSINESS. No business of the Tribe shall take place without a quorum.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

SECTION I. AMENDMENTS. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Native Village of Kluti-Kaah voting in an election called for that purpose.

ARTICLE X. ADOPTION

This Constitution becomes effective when voted for adoption by the Native Village of Kluti-Kaah Tribal Members when one-half, (1/2) of the Tribal Members are present to vote. This document becomes effective from that date of approval.

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ARTICLE XI. MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS. Will be held at least twice a month but not less than once a month.

ANNUAL MEETINGS. Once a year in November or December.

GENERAL MEETINGS. At least three (3) times a year but not less than one.

CALL OF MEMBERS FOR SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

1. Must get ten (10) signatures to request a meeting.

2. The Native Village of Kluti-Kaah Village Council must respond and set a meeting date no later than thirty (30) days.

Tribal Members voting for: 42
Tribal Members voting against: 0

Date of Adoption: 11-11-84

Date amended: 11-16-85 5-14-88 11-5-88 11-4-87

NATIVE VILLAGE OF KLUTI-KAAH TRIBAL MEMBERS SIGNATURES:

NAME	TITLE
Victoria Encelewski	President 11-11-89
Vicki McKenzie	Vice President 11-11-89
Terri A Montague	Secretary 11 11 89
Anna Jean Bell	Treasurer 11 11 89
Mary A. Martin	Board member 11-11-89
Peter F Evan	member 11-11-89
Marina Montague	Board Member 11-11-89